

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

FIRST-CLASS MAIL AND PERIODICALS
SERVICE STANDARD CHANGES, 2021

Docket No. N2021-1

**RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS STEPHEN B.
HAGENSTEIN TO THE ASSOCIATION OF MAGAZINE MEDIA'S INTERROGATORY
MPA/USPS-T3-1**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides responses of witness Stephen B. Hagenstein to the above-listed interrogatory. The question is stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF USPS WITNESS HAGENSTEIN TO INTERROGATORY OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF MAGAZINE MEDIA**

MPA/USPS-T3-1. In Library Reference USPS-LR-N2021-1/3, please refer to the tab "Periodicals_Impact" in the file "3_SSD_5D_Vol_Impacts_CONUS.xlsx," and the tab "OD_Contiguous" in the file "3_Zip3_OD_Pairs.xlsx."

- (a) Please confirm that the Postal Service's best estimate is that its proposal would result in downgraded service standards for seven percent of Periodicals volume. If not confirmed, please explain fully.
- (b) Please confirm that the Postal Service proposal will not affect service standards for any Periodicals entered at a DDU, DCSF, DADC, or DNDC. If not confirmed, please explain fully.
- (c) Please confirm that the Postal Service expects that the proposal would increase the percentage for Periodicals that will be transported with First-Class Mail. If not confirmed, please explain fully.
- (d) In an electronic spreadsheet format similar to 3_Zip3_OD_Pairs.xlsx, tab "OD_Contiguous," please provide the current service standard, proposed service standard, and Periodicals volume for every 3-Digit Origin-Destination Pair that underlies the Postal Service's estimate that the proposal would result in downgraded service standards for seven percent of Periodicals volume. Please also describe the extent to which the proposed service standards by origin-destination pair for Periodicals may change before the proposal is finalized.

RESPONSE:

(a) Confirmed.

(b) Confirmed.

(c) Confirmed.

(d) Please refer to USPS-LR-N2021-1-13, file "13.D Periodicals OD Pairs.xlsx", which identifies the lanes and estimated Periodicals volumes in the First-Class Network (FCN) impacted by the proposed service standard change. The mode for the specific lanes has yet to be finalized and until that time, the estimated volume to be merged with FCM is unknown. The seven percent downgrade does not include the potential upgrades as volume is shifted from the NDC network to the FCM network.